

DPD 8351-60

17 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with General Goodpaster, 19 December 1960

1. I received a phone call at 1430, 19 December, from Lt. Colonel Herrington, JCS, in which he stated that JCS was making the approach for permission for the coverage of North Viet Nam and China. He further stated that Major General R. A. Breitweiser requested a representative from CIA be present.
2. The undersigned in company with Captain Christensen (USN), Colonel Mahon, and Lt. Colonel Herrington met with General Goodpaster at 1545.
3. Prior to the meeting Lt. Colonel Herrington asked if we were still going to be ready to fly a U-2 mission on Wednesday, 21 December. I told him that for planning purposes a more realistic first mission would be Friday, 23 December. This was based on the fact that the airlift from Edwards was not to leave until late Monday and that on our present schedule the U-2's would not arrive until Thursday.
4. The meeting with General Goodpaster was quite brief. He asked when the first flight could take place. I told him Friday, 23 December, weather permitting. He further asked the number of sorties required to cover the targets of North Viet Nam and China. Since we had not gotten the final target from all sources I told him two sorties with a possible third depending on our fortune with the weather.
5. General Goodpaster questioned Lt. Colonel Herrington as to why the military was presenting this request for approval of the mission. Lt. Colonel Herrington stated that it was because it was based on a military requirement. General Goodpaster said that henceforth on this operation his dealings would be with CIA since it is now in the operational stage and subsequent notice of decisions on permission to operate would come through CIA channels.

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